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Appln. No.	:	09/314,615	Confirmation No.:	5452
Applicant	:	CARTER, George E. et al.		
Filed	:	May 19, 1999		
TC/A.U.	:	2645		
Examiner	:	SING, Simon P.		
Docket No.	:	99P7593US01		
Customer No.	:	28524		
Title	:	Techniques for Audio Transducer Switching Under Programmatic and Off Hook Interrupt Control		

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of April 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition for Extension of Time (for 3 months) and an RCE is being filed concurrently.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.